

Claims

We claim:

5 1. A method for presenting information from a plurality of information sources, comprising the steps of:

 receiving a first information item;

 sending said first information item to a first information source and a second information source;

10 receiving a second information item from said first information source;

 receiving a third information item from said second information source; and

15 displaying predetermined ones of said first, second and third information items.

 2. A method for presenting information from a plurality of information sources, comprising the steps of:

 receiving a first information item and a second information item;

20 sending said first information item to a first information source;

 sending said second information item to a second information source;

25 receiving a third information item from said first information source;

 receiving a fourth information item from said second information source; and

30 displaying predetermined ones of said first, second, third and fourth information items.

3. A method for presenting information from a plurality of information sources, comprising the steps of:

receiving a first information item;

5 sending said first information item to a first information source;

receiving a second information item from said first information source;

sending said second information item to a second information source;

10 receiving a third information item from said second information source;

sending said third information item as a first information item to a third information source;

15 receiving a fourth information item from said third information source; and

displaying predetermined ones of said first, second, third and fourth information items.

20 4. A method for updating information in a plurality of information sources, comprising the steps of:

receiving an information item in an information field;

examining attributes of said information field to determine associated information sources; and

25 sending said information item to said associated information sources.

5. A method for updating information in a plurality of information sources, comprising the steps of:

receiving an information item in an information field;

30 examining attributes of said information field to determine associated information sources;

examining said attributes of said information field to determine addresses for communicating with said information sources; and

35 sending said information item to said associated information sources at said addresses.

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6. A method for consolidating information items from a plurality of information sources onto a single screen, comprising the steps of:

5 defining a plurality of information sources;
 defining a plurality of information types;
 defining a plurality of information fields;
 selecting an information item to be represented in each said
information field;
 selecting an information source for each said information
10 item;
 defining an information type for each said information item;
 and
 selecting a position for each said information field on said
screen.

15 7. A method for consolidating information items from a plurality of information sources into a single record, comprising the steps of:

20 defining a plurality of information sources;
 defining a plurality of information types;
 defining a plurality of information fields;
 selecting an information item to be represented in each said
information field;
 selecting an information source for each said information
25 item;
 defining an information type for each said information item;
 and
 selecting a position for each said information field on said
record.

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